

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
AGENDA MEMORANDUM****SUBJECT:** Adult Drug Court Program - Grant Application**DEPARTMENT:** Fiscal Services**DIVISION:** Administration - Fiscal Services**AUTHORIZED BY:** Lisa Spriggs**CONTACT:** Jennifer Bero**EXT:** 7125**MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:**

Board of County Commissioner direction as to the County remaining as the applicant for a grant application submitted by the Judiciary to the US Department of Justice for their Drug Court Discretionary Program. The application requested \$154,059 for enhancements to the Adult Drug Court Program.

County-wide

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**BACKGROUND:**

The US Department of Justice offers the Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program to establish and develop drug courts for nonviolent substance-abusing offenders. In 2002, Seminole County was awarded the grant to implement an Adult Drug Court Program. For fiscal year 2007/08 the County suspended funding of the program, due to the recent financial climate experienced. The program was continued by the Judiciary through the State of Florida.

The grant program that is now being made available is funding for enhancements to established programs. Judicial staff submitted an application; however, it was inadvertently submitted as the County as the applicant of the program. Subsequently, the State advised Judicial staff that County application would be required for their submission.

The application requested \$154,059 in Federal funds for training, drug testing supplies, and consulting expenses. If awarded, the match requirement of 25% (equal to \$46,795) is proposed to be accommodated by salary and benefit costs currently paid by the State for a staff position used to administrator the Adult Drug Court program.

The Judiciary is seeking Board approval for the County to remain as the applicant for the pending grant application.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Not applicable - Judiciary request.

<b>Additionally Reviewed By:</b> No additional reviews
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